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Franz Haimerl

) Group Art Unit:

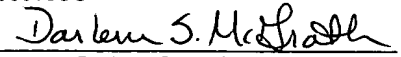
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For: Footwear With A Sealed Sole Construction
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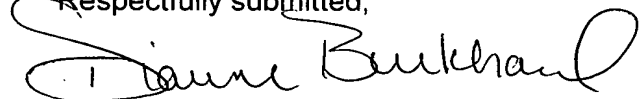
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

In accordance with §1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above-identified application as set forth in §1.491, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, no additional fee is required.

Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
		3840263A	5/31/90	DE				✓
		WO96/41548A	12/27/96	PCT				✓
		WO00/44252A	8/3/00	PCT				✓
		0298360B	1/11/89	EP				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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